#### Dragonflies- a brief report by Darian

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**In the US there are over 450 species of dragonflies. There are over 5000 in the world. A very common species of dragonfly is the green darner which is 6 cm long and is coloured green or blue. Its clear wings measure 15 cm across. Dragonflies are cold blooded, meaning their bodies don’t produce heat. So you can find dragonflies all over the world except very cold places such as the arctic. The dragonfly has a head, thorax and abdomen. Two large eyes, two small antennas and a mouth can be found on the head. The eyes are so big that they touch each other. Below the head is the thorax which has the dragonfly’s four wings and six legs. Below that is the abdomen which looks like a tail, but actually breaks down food. Dragonflies are born from an egg near freshwater and die as an adult. When born the dragonfly is called a nymph and does not have wings. It spends the first part of its life underwater (1 to 6 years) and molts as it gets bigger. A nymph may molt up to 15 times before leaving the water and turning into a dragonfly. Thank you for reading my book project.**